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Winchester High boys hockey begins postseason Wednesday night against Wachusett Regional in Westborough

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Winchester High boys hockey seniors Jack Burkart (11) and Liam Connelly (10) converge on senior captain Caiden Brady to celebrate his goal during a game this year. The Red & Black are now getting ready for their first Division 1 state tournament game against Wachusett Regional at Westborough's Northstar I Arena on Wednesday night, Feb. 25, beginning at 6:10 p.m. COURTESY PHOTO/MIKE PESCATOR

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The Winchester High boys hockey team (11-9-2) wrapped up the regular season last week with a couple of more close losses (3-0 vs. Catholic Memorial, Feb. 18; 2-1 vs. St. Mary's of Lynn, Feb. 19), a dominating win (6-1 vs. Belmont, Feb. 14) and a tie (3-3 vs. Malden Catholic in overtime, Feb. 14).

The Red & Black then waited around for the Division 1 state tournament pairings to come out, and last Saturday, Feb. 21, they found out that they are the 17th seed, and are scheduled to take on Wachusett Regional (18-1-1, 16th seed) at Westborough's Northstar Ice Sports Arena on Wednesday, Feb. 25, beginning at 6:10 p.m.

"We closed out the regular season with a tough stretch of games," said Coach Gino Khachadourian, "and even though we didn't end up on the right side of the scoreboard in some of them, we are still playing consistent hockey, which will help provide us a spark heading into the postseason."

Khachadourian then added: "This is the time we want to be playing our best hockey. It's important that we are prepared, and once the games begin, play smart, systematic hockey. If we continue to play the right way and stick to our gameplan, good things will (happen)."

In the 6-1 win over Belmont on Valentine's Day, Joe Vaccari led the way in goals with three. Caiden Brady was next in line with two. Leo Dagostino scored once. Ben Wright was the assist leader with four. Thomas Lisy was next up with three. Gus Gustafson, Liam Connelly and Axel Osborn each setup one goal. Goalie Graham Emerick once again did the job in net, while frustrating the Marauders after coming up with 32 saves.

That decisive win was followed by the 3-3 tie against the Malden Catholic Lancers at Malden's Valley Forum.

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Osborn, Brady and Eli Korgmeier netted the goals. Osborn, Connelly and Korgmeier picked up the assists. Emerick was credited with 14 saves in net to secure the point.

The game against Catholic Memorial was played at the Warrior Ice Arena, the practice home of the Boston Bruins, in Allston, and Emerick was outstanding once again, stopping 36 shots by the Knights (17-2-1), the top seed in Division 1, to keep his teammates close on the scoreboard.

Against St. Mary's of Lynn, Lisy scored the lone Winchester goal of the game from Connelly and Krogmeier. Emerick was again busy between the pipes, making an astounding 44 saves against the Spartans.

It's now onto the postseason with aforementioned Wachusett Regional first up on Wednesday night in Westborough.

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The Winchester High boys hockey team (12-9-2), the 17th seed, edged the 16th-seeded Wachusett Regional Mountaineers (18-2-1), 5-4 in a Round of 32 Division 1 state tournament game at Westborough's Northstar Ice Arena on Feb. 25. The Red & Black will now take on top seed Catholic Memorial (18-2-1)

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The Winchester High boys basketball team, the 22nd seed, will take on Middlesex League rival Lexington, the 11th seed, to begin the Division 1 state tournament in the Round of 32 on Friday night, Feb. 27, starting at 6 p.m. These teams are so evenly matched, beginning with the

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‘Chicago: Teen Edition’ dances onto the Winchester High School stage

By Talia Ho | Correspondent Fame. Fortune. And all that jazz. This spring, Winchester High School presents “Chicago: Teen Edition,” a bold musical that explores celebrity culture, media manipulation, and the cost of ambition. This iconic production is set in the 1920s. Performances will take place on March 13 and 14

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Ripley Chapel in Winchester presents ‘Syldason: You Are Welcome Here’

The following was submitted by the Ripley Chapel at First Congregational Church: On Friday, March 13, beginning at 7:30 p.m., live in-person and live streamed from the stunning Ripley Chapel at First Congregational Church, Winchester, 21 Church St., join in with Syldason, a duo concert featuring Sylvie Zakarian,

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